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Iranians Reject Agee's CIA Swap

HAMBURG, West Germany, Dec. 27 (UPI) — Former CIA agent Philip Agee said today the militants occupying the U.S. Embassy in Tehran rejected his proposal to release their captives in exchange for the complete CIA files on operations in Iran.

Agee also said he was determined to overturn the revocation of his passport and said he would fight the case in American courts and in administrative hearings in West Germany. The U.S. State Department revoked his passport Sunday on grounds of national security.

The Revolutionary Council controlling the embassy in Tehran informed me by telephone Dec. 25 that my suggestion that they exchange the people now held in the embassy for the CIA's files on its operations in Iran was not acceptable," Agee said.

"Although the idea had merits, they said, they would continue to insist on the return of the shah as the only solution to the crisis."

Agee, 45, first caused a stir in the United States in 1974 with the publication of his book "Inside the Company—A CIA Diary" in which he identified agents by name and gave detailed description of intelligence operations.